

MODERN METHODS IN OPERATING OLD MINE

SILVER BELT, NEAR HUMBOLDT IS BEING DRESSED UP WITH NEW EQUIPMENT.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Californians behind the movement by which the Silver Belt Consolidated Mines Co. was recently organized, are moving energetically to place in action this famous silver producer of early days. The Silver Belt is situated near Humboldt. The arrival a few days ago of two carloads of machinery, in which is included a complete hoisting plant, engines, boilers and other apparatus, gives to the future of this old mine quite an interesting outlook.

W. E. Paige, who was a factor in bringing about the rehabilitation of the property, will be general manager. He is now on the ground directing the installation of the new plant, and superintending development.

Mr. Paige comes to Arizona from South America, where he was in charge of silver mines for many years. His examination of the property was made only a few weeks ago. He was so favorably impressed that he immediately became a subscriber to a large block of the stock.

The equipping of the property with a modern operating plant was his first move. He plans to sink at a new point on the fissure to a depth of at least 1,000 feet, with levels run at every 100 feet.

Production, Mr. Paige states, is a secondary condition for the present. He intends to practically open up the property.

The Silver Belt was taken over on September 1st and a new shaft sunk to a depth of 50 feet. The showing was so favorable as were the results of other prospecting carried out on the well defined fissure, that the large operations now decided upon were the outcome.

The big success now being made by the Arizona, which has a mill in operation, was an additional reason for resuming operations on the Silver Belt, the working point of which is within a few hundred feet of the end lines of the Arizona. The mineral characteristics of the two are identical.

The rapid progress made in getting the Silver Belt moving ahead after so many years of idleness is occasioning general comment.

BIG LEDGE ADDS MORE MINES TO BIG GROUP

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The closing of two mining deals, in which the Big Ledge Company figured as a buyer, was consummated on Monday in the offices of Judge John J. Hawkins. E. G. Weaver sold to the above syndicate his interests in the Treasurer and Laurene mines. The consideration was quite heavy and a large first cash payment passed.

The above mines were acquired by the Big Ledge for the purpose of consolidating the Henrietta and the Gopher, both of which they are actively operating. The Treasurer abuts on the south end of the Gopher, while the Laurene lies to the south of the Henrietta. The Big Ledge now has a gold-copper group covering an area of approximately 300 acres, and from the north to the south end lines fully one and one-half miles of the fissure is covered.

President LeDue was present to take over the new holdings. He expressed himself as greatly pleased with the outlook. He also stated that a subsidiary organization known as the Great Western Smelters Corporation had been effected among Big Ledge stockholders and is now actively moving ahead. The purpose of this action is to provide for early treatment of ores of the Henrietta, Butternut, Gopher and the newly acquired properties. Their plant will be located at Mayer at the site of the old Treawell works to handle a maximum capacity of 1,000 tons per day.

Mr. LeDue states as active construction of the new smelter proceeds, the resources of their various properties will be so opened up as to make it possible to maintain steady operations of the smelter at its capacity.

Mr. Trebilcock, superintendent of the Henrietta, stated a few days ago that with the present development, he could, with ten days' preparation, easily provide for months to come an average of at least 200 tons per day.

NAVAJO COUNTY MAN PRAISES N. A. FAIR

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Fair Commissioner F. J. Willis, of Navajo county, yesterday packed his exhibit, which will be taken to the Arizona State Fair. Much credit is due Mr. Willis and his son, who so ably represented Navajo county with such a creditable exhibit of farming products at the recent fair. His sheep and grain exhibits were particularly striking, as was also the manner in which the Navajo county booth was decorated.

Although Navajo county's exhibit was not extremely large, yet the care with which the exhibits were selected, was shown by the fact that in the sweepstakes competition, Navajo county won the purple ribbon for the best display of dry farming agriculture products from one producer. In the grand sweepstakes contest, Navajo county was awarded the best exhibit, outside of Yavapai, and received second money. For the best display of agricultural and horticultural products from one exhibitor, a purple ribbon was won and also first money. For the best collection from one grower, a sweepstake ribbon was awarded Navajo county, with second money and for the best display of forage crops, from one grower, Navajo county was awarded the purple ribbon, and first money. In the individual exhibits Navajo county captured 19 blue ribbons, ten red ribbons and seven specials.

In speaking of the Northern Arizona Fair, Mr. Willis, who has had years of experience in exhibit work, remarked: "I think the location of the Northern Arizona Fair grounds is the most beautiful that I have ever seen and I am going back to Navajo county full of enthusiasm for the Northern Arizona Fair. If it is within my power, next year Navajo county will be here with at least three times the exhibit of this year. The manner in which the fair was carried out, was certainly a revelation to me and I am for the Northern Arizona Fair first, last and all the time."

In arranging the Navajo exhibit, Mr. Willis was ably assisted by a number of Navajo boys, who are at present employed by the Hassayampa Alfalfa Farms Company.

COCONINO SAFE FOR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

WILLIAMS, Oct. 25.—The first flurry of snow came here yesterday

and left Bill Williams' peak a mass of white. There is a decided Wintry punch in the atmosphere this morning, and the delightful Fall weather has set in which makes this the attractive season of the year in Northern Arizona.

The punch is not only confined to the atmosphere but is very marked in the added interest in State politics since Tom Campbell spoke to the people of Williams. The rally last night was very enthusiastic, the hall filled to its capacity, and the people intensely interested in the popular candidate for governor and what he stands for.

Cocconino county will do better than it has ever done in the past for the Republican ticket, and those who know the sentiment predict an overwhelming majority for it from top to bottom. Williams is enjoying unusual prosperity and the people are very busy, but they are going to vote this year in greater numbers than ever before even though they are too busy just now to give much time to discussing political issues.

In his address here last night Mr. Campbell likened the State to a great corporation with the people as its stockholders, and upon that basis he presented his cause. He first outlined the extravagance in State administration, and then summed up his case by pointing out specific changes in administration which he said would redound not only to the fiscal but the moral credit of the people. His indictment of the governor and his administration was given from figures which he had compiled and which he said could not be successfully contradicted.

He showed the increased cost to the taxpayers of Cocconino county since 1911. In spite of the wonderful increase in taxable wealth in this county from over four million in 1911 to over seventeen million in 1916, the taxpayers were contributing towards State government for State purposes only, more than thirteen thousand dollars in 1916 than in 1911.

Mr. R. A. Nickerson was chairman of the meeting and addressed the audience briefly regarding the State ticket. As he presented each speaker he told of the particular qualifications of the candidate. The local committee gave a dance following the speaking which was preceded by an informal reception to Mr. Campbell and the other State candidates.

The other speakers were Doane Merrill, candidate for auditor; H. E. Matthews, candidate for State superintendent of public instruction; John L. Gust, candidate for attorney general, and George H. Smalley, for State tax commissioner.

The party left this morning for Flagstaff, after visiting the mills here. A rally will be held at Flagstaff tonight.

YAVAPAI TO EXHIBIT ORE AT CONFERENCE

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Charles F. Willis, director of the Arizona State Bureau of Mines at the University of Arizona, will be in charge of an office and information bureau at the American Mining conference to be held in Chicago, November 13 to 16. He will take with him an exhibit of mining ores from Yavapai county of sufficient size to give an idea of what this section produces.

The purpose of the general exhibit is to demonstrate the magnitude of the mining industry in this State. Chairman LeRoy Anderson, of the mines and mining committee of the Chamber of Commerce, will appoint delegates to represent this county.

IMPORTANT FIND ANNOUNCED OF NEW MINERAL

YAVAPAI MINING MAN IS ADVISED BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF VALUABLE DISCOVERY.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Yavapai county's mineral possibilities were immensely benefitted recently, by the accidental discovery of what the U. S. geological survey has termed pickeringite, this important information being imparted yesterday by Ed. I. Johnson, a mining operator of many years, who is in the city from the Kirkland country, where he has interests.

Mr. Johnson is the discoverer of this mineral, samples of which he brings to the city, as well as articles which have submitted to treatment in being tanned as well as dyed. The product which is on exhibition is nothing more than a salt, but the authorities pronounce it by its technical classification, and also state that if any deposit of volume can be procured the discovery is valuable, particularly at this time. Mr. Johnson has withheld the giving of publicity to this matter, until he was advised from Washington as to the nature of the compound. He has formed a copartnership with a local mining man to start operating. He shows pieces of leather tanned after being immersed in the solution of which pickeringite is the base. The treatment to produce the fine leather from rawhide required only 18 hours. This demonstration of the quality of the article was recommended by the geologists written to, as well did they give a general range of what services this mineral could be utilized for in manufacturing.

Paper of any texture or color is within the sphere of this product for manufacturing purposes, as well is it essential in forming a base for any dye uses, with white preferred, owing to its native coloring.

Mr. Johnson withholds, however, where the property is located, and will not entertain any investment proposition. He says the tonnage can be made heavy by developing, and since being officially advised of doing his holdings are capable of what, operations are to begin at once. It is believed this deposit is situated in the extreme western section of this county, in what is known as the desert region.

ONLY TECHNICAL VIOLATION OF THE LAW

(From Thursday's Daily.)

In yesterday's issue the Journal-Miner published a statement respecting complaints filed against Dr. L. L. Lindsey and J. C. McCormack, for their failure to comply with certain laws of the State, regulating the selling of stock in investment companies. Owing to the somewhat obscure information then at hand, the Journal-Miner made statements respecting these gentlemen, and the companies they are connected with, that were not warranted.

Through investigation made by this paper it develops that the Verde Hercules Company, with which Dr. Lindsey is connected, and the Jerome Verde Contact Copper Company, with which Mr. McCormack is connected, have each acquired option on large tracts of mining ground in the vicinity of Jerome, which is said to be valuable, and they are proceeding with the organization and incorporation of the above mentioned companies by soliciting pre-organization subscriptions to the capital stock of the proposed corporations.

The advertisements which they have published very fully and honestly set forth the situation, and the plan under which they propose to proceed. It is not proposed by either company to deliver any stock to any subscriber until enough has been subscribed and paid for, to complete the purchase price of the properties. In the meantime, all funds received by either concern are placed in a reputable bank, in trust, to be paid over to the company as soon as the purchase money has been raised and the plans of the company approved by the Corporation Commission; otherwise, the money is to be returned to the subscribers by the trustee.

The plan is manifestly a sound and honorable one, and has been extensively followed in Arizona and other places.

All the men connected with these two companies enjoy excellent reputations, and are entirely above any suspicion of improper or unlawful methods. The complaint above referred to merely charged that they

were offering stock for sale, without having registered as selling agents, with the corporation commission, and that the proposed companies have not filed the necessary statements. Manifestly, until the organizations have been completed, a compliance with these requirements was impossible. However, as they were advised that their plan constituted a colorable violation of the law, even though extremely technical, they paid the fine imposed in such cases, which disposed of the matter. The county attorney took occasion to state to the court that he had investigated the entire transaction, and found that nothing had been done with any improper motive, but that the defendants were innocently mistaken.

The Journal-Miner regrets that any such publicity was given to the transaction, as might have reflected unfavorably upon anyone concerned.

SHANNON PEOPLE TAKE OVER THE YEAGER

OPERATIONS START TODAY IN REVIVING OLD COPPER; NEW SUPERINTENDENT ARRIVES.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Active operations begin today on the holdings of the Yeager Canyon copper by the Shannon Copper Co. of Clifton, which acquired the property a few days ago from James A. Hope of this city.

Under the superintendency of U. I. Fritsch, the first move to be made will be to unwater the old workings which will require some time, and a crew leaves the city today to start the work. The old machinery used in original development also is to be repaired and an active camp is to be established on a permanent basis.

Mr. Fritsch has returned from the camp after making a general inspection, and states that road conditions need improving. On this topic he is strong for the middle highway between Prescott and Jerome, and if construction begins, states his company will assist liberally in the undertaking. He says: "If this highway is realized our camp will be a steady patron of Prescott and many articles required will be purchased in this market. In fact Prescott will be our main supply point, instead of Yeager siding on the railroad being the point of entry. Rush the new road and we will be on hand to help it along. Nothing can be lost in opening up the country and in the long run ten dollars will be returned for every dollar expended."

The advent of the Shannon people to the Yavapai copper field is one of the most important movements in recent years, equipped as they are with successes made and their unquestioned financial ability to carry out any line of development they undertake. The reviving of the Yeager under these conditions is occasioning general comment in mining circles of this section, indicating the making of another big copper in due time.

In closing the deal for the Yeager a few days ago, H. H. Dyer, general mine superintendent for the Shannon company, participated, and he is associated with Mr. Fritsch, mapping out a plan of operation.

DEVELOPMENT BEGINS ON MIDNIGHT TEST

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Satisfactory reports concerning development on the Midnight Test group of Upper Groom creek were given yesterday by R. M. Merrill. The mine is being pumped out, and to date the water has been lowered below the 300-foot level. The work is making slow headway owing to the extent of old workings to the 450-foot level. During this move exploration has started in, drifting from the 200 and the ore bodies determined, Mr. Merrill states, are exceeding anticipations. The property is being worked by power drills and quite a camp has been established.

THESE HIGH GRADERS HAD PLENTY OF NERVE

(From Saturday's Daily.)

One of the boldest crimes ever committed in this section, was that of a few days ago, when thieves entered the hoisting house and the mill building of the old Yeager Canyon Copper Co., and stripped the machinery of every copper article from both plants, the loss running into several hundred dollars. An inspection of the premises disclosed wagon tracks at both places, from which may be judged the heavy weight of the loot that required hauling away. This crime is but one of many committed in this section in recent months in securing copper articles from different plants, and in three known cases a wagon was required to take away the many fixtures stolen, consisting principally of copper construction. As yet not a single arrest has been made.

NEW OPERATORS IN CHARGE OF THE UNION

MILL STARTS TO MAKE TEST RUNS AND MINE WORK IS NOW UNDER HEADWAY.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The closing of the big deal by which the Union mine holdings of John S. Jones were taken over recently by D. M. Lacey and other operators of the East, has been followed by operations being inaugurated.

Ten miners are now at work, and the ten-stamp mill is making test runs with free gold recoveries that are reported as satisfactory. Mr. Lacey arrived from the camp in Chaparral yesterday and is enthusiastic over underground conditions, stating that he found the situations at different points better in one content than represented by the former owner. Before larger development is decided upon, the different zones of the Union will be entered and mill runs made of all ore conditions to determine what line of action will be decided upon for the future in carrying out a line of extensive operations. When the system of treatment is definitely settled a 100-ton plant will be built. So far as development has progressed Mr. Lacey stated yesterday he is very much pleased with the property. He will be joined at the camp later by his Eastern associates.

KIBBEY MAKING A WINNING CAMPAIGN

PHOENIX, Oct. 26.—Reports from all parts of the State agree that Judge Kibbey is making a winning campaign for United States senator. In every community there are voters who know him intimately and are familiar with his excellent record on the bench and in the office of governor—men who tell their neighbors that Kibbey means what he says; men who can inform the newer and younger voters that Kibbey is not a politician, but is a statesman; that while he is a Republican in political belief, he is the least partisan of men when in office, and as a public servant he considers himself the trustee of all the people.

These reports also lay emphasis on the fact that Judge Kibbey's arguments for "preparedness for peace" have aroused extraordinary interest everywhere. Alluding to the well known facts that when the European war began, thousands of American factories were idle, that thousands of freight cars were standing empty on side-tracks, and that hundreds of thousands of men were out of employment, while the balance of trade was against us to the extent of hundreds of millions, and that gold was leaving our shores by every ship to pay for foreign goods—all as the direct result of the present free trade tariff—Judge Kibbey has laid stress on the obvious necessity of guarding against a return of these conditions when the war ends.

Pointing out that it is the trade in war supplies which has brought a fever of prosperity to the country; that excluding this traffic, the balance of trade is still heavily against us; that as soon as the war stops, millions of men will return to European factories, joined by a million women who have learned factory work, and that this country will be deluged with cheap foreign goods, and that following the present fever we shall have a return of the chill of 1914 unless we prepare against it, Judge Kibbey is urging the people to think for themselves, and to vote for a return to the principle of protection.

Judge Kibbey is for a tariff which will not build monopolies but high enough to protect American workmen from competition with the cheap labor of Europe and Japan.

The deep interest taken by his hearers in these arguments is regarded as gratifying evidence of the high average of intelligence of Arizona voters.

ELECTION FRAUD UNEARTHED BY COMMITTEE

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Numerous instances of illegal registration have been discovered by the Republican county central committee in checking over the list of voters for Prescott. At least five voters have perjured themselves, knowingly or unknowingly, by swearing falsely that they have been in the State a year. Four instances are known where voters who can neither read nor write were registered.

Lists of the illegal voters will be in the hands of challengers at the various election booths on election day. If the guilty parties attempt to vote they will be arrested on two charges; namely, perjury for swearing to a false affidavit before a registration officer and for attempting to vote illegally. If they do not attempt to vote, nothing will be done.

All persons who may know of voters who are registered illegally are urged to inform the Republican county committee headquarters in the Knights of Pythias building. The phone is 121. Any advice will be treated with the strictest confidence and no action will be taken unless the guilty parties try to vote.

The campaign committee wants volunteers to assist in watching the vote and bringing out the voters. Those who can help in the work should notify Assistant Secretary A. H. Powers in person or by phone. Automobiles for the entire day or for any part of the day are particularly desired.

The purpose of the committee is to see that every person who intends to vote for any part of the Republican ticket gets to the polls.

STRAIGHT TALK BY KIBBEY AT DUNCAN

DUNCAN, Ariz., Oct. 27.—"Are all the independent voters in the Republic party?" asked Judge Joseph H. Kibbey of a large audience in Duncan.

Judge Kibbey then told how the Republican party four years ago cleaned its own house when more than half the members of that party revolted against its leadership and proved that the Republican party is not only a great constructive party but an independent one as well.

"Are you Democrats satisfied with your party and its administration of affairs in this State and nation?" he asked. "If not, then show your independence as good American citizens by rebuking that administration at the polls."

"You have been told by your representatives in congress they can secure no further assistance from congress to aid in constructing irrigation works in Arizona where they are sorely needed," said Judge Kibbey. "I believe that such assistance can be secured if proper and consistent efforts are made to get it. Now, why return to the senate as your representative there a senator who admits he can do nothing further for you? One who admits defeat before he starts, can never succeed. Why not try someone who is not willing to admit that he will fail? Why not try one who is convinced that he can succeed?"

"Have American lives and American property been protected in Mexico as the Democratic platform declared they would be protected in its promises of four years ago?" asked Judge Kibbey. "No," shouted a woman in the audience, and the roar of approval was sweeping. "American lives and American property have not been protected," said the speaker, "and this is not the only pledge the Democrats have not kept," said Judge Kibbey, who then proceeded to discuss a number of broken pledges to the delight of the audience which cheered him repeatedly.

Joe V. Prochaska made a short but excellent talk in his own behalf and was frequently cheered. He is winning votes by the score everywhere he goes in support of his candidacy for secretary of State.

J. Harrie Cloonan spoke briefly but well of the work of the corporation commission and acquainted the audience with his experience along the lines necessary to qualify one for that commission. He was well received.

Norman J. McKenzie took a new tack and talked along a different vein and proceeded to make a new hit, keeping the crowd in an uproar. He has many supporters here for State mine inspector.

Judge O. J. Baughn spoke just before Judge Kibbey and made a wholly different speech from what he has made at several other meetings. His speech was clear and logical and caused much favorable comment. Several "uncompromising" Democrats announced emphatically after the meeting that they intended to support him for judge of the Supreme court.

It is generally conceded by the members of the party that the Duncan meeting was one of the best they have held. The people turned out in good shape and showed the speakers every courtesy. It is very generally predicted here that this Democratic precinct will give the Republican ticket a substantial majority in November.

APOLOGIES MADE BY LABOR LEADER

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The following apology was published in the Arizona Labor Journal by the man who circulated the false report that Norman J. McKenzie, Republican candidate for mine inspector, "scabbed" in Bisbee during the strike there in 1907:

An Apology.
Oatman, Ariz., Oct. 14, 1916.
To Editor of Arizona Labor Journal,
Dear Editor:—Can you spare me space in your valuable paper to correct a mistake, wrong assertion that I made regarding Norman McKenzie, candidate for mine inspector?

To the Public:
As a Union man, believing in justice and equity, am writing this letter. The question was asked me did Norman McKenzie scab in Bisbee? I said yes.

I based my assertion on circumstantial evidence, and my own deduction, but have investigated since and found that I had made a mistake, and wish to rectify it in justice to Mr. McKenzie.

Am not writing this to boost any one's candidacy but to rectify a wrong. Am writing this as an individual and not as an official of the Union, but will sign as such.

Fraternally yours,
J. A. LIBES,
Pres. 124, W. F. M.

DEATH SUMMONS LIKE THIEF IN THE NIGHT

GEO. W. HULL SUDDENLY STRICKEN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND END COMES IN FEW MINUTES.

(From Friday's Daily.)

George W. Hull, one of the best known and most popular of Yavapai pioneers, passed away in this city yesterday afternoon after an illness of only 30 minutes, due to heart failure.

He was first taken ill after leaving the Superior court, where he had been testifying as a witness in litigation over mining property in the Jerome section of which he was the former owner. On leaving the court room he complained to Attorney Linney of feeling sick, particularly mentioning his difficulty in breathing. He was placed in an auto and taken at once to the Linn hotel, and a physician summoned. Remedies were applied but he continued to sink and less than half an hour after being stricken life had ceased at 5:30 o'clock.

News of the death of Mr. Hull occasioned surprise and sorrow in this community. He was an old-time resident, of prominent rating, and first arrived in the country and located at Jerome as long ago as September, 1875. He amassed during his 41 years of a resident many mining claims and originally owned all of the town of Jerome. During the past year he reaped the fruits of his investments, closing out all interests for a sum said to range close to \$1,000,000, and was preparing to retire from a business life and reside in Los Angeles. He returned from that city only a few days ago, to give testimony in the case heard yesterday.

The deceased had occupied many positions of trust in official life during his residence in Jerome. He was mayor and councilman of that city successively, and for three terms had been a member of the legislature. In all his official duties he was purely representative in all dealings with the public, and disdained the call of the partisan. His private life was as charitably reflected in giving to the needy on many occasions, and his benevolent spirit was pronounced in contributing only a few days ago a handsome sum to the Pioneers' Home in this city. Mr. Hull had passed the 77-year milestone; and was born in Maine. He is survived by his widow who was at his side when the summons came, while a son is attending Harvard military university. A brother also resides at Challis, Ida. The remains are at Ruffner's to be prepared for shipment. Burial will be given in San Francisco.

SHANNON PEOPLE TAKE OVER THE YEAGER

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

It is learned through authentic sources that the Shannon Copper Company of Clifton has taken over the large copper holdings of the Yeager Canyon Company, which are situated in the Black Hills, about five miles south of Jerome. Under what financial conditions the sale was consummated is not known. The seller is J. A. Hope, president of the Bashford-Burnister Co. of this city. Representing the buyers are Messrs. Fritsch and Dyer, who are now in Prescott.

The Clifton company has taken charge and started initial operations. Quite a large line of mechanical utilities are being shipped to the camp, and operations are expected to begin forthwith.

The Yeager was quite extensively operated many years ago. There has been over 1,000 feet of development. Its location in such close proximity to the bonanza belt of Jerome, and the possibilities for its determining a large copper property, undoubtedly assisted in the sale of the mine which was reported favorably upon by Shannon engineers.

The entrance of the Shannon interests into the Jerome region, is considered of vital import to the southern slope of the range, especially since a large outlay of capital is assured for deep development. The property is already equipped with machinery, that will be placed in good working condition. The camp lies near the old wagon road between Prescott and Jerome. This city will be the source of supply.

JUDGMENT IN FAVOR DEFENDANT DENIED

(From Friday's Daily.)

A motion for judgment in favor of the defendant was denied in the case of E. F. Givens vs. School District No. 1, yesterday in the Superior court. Givens is suing the school district for \$1,798 alleged due him for labor and material supplied for school buildings in that district.

The defendants alleged that they entered into a contract with a local firm to construct the buildings. After the work was completed they claim to have settled with the contractors. Givens, they allege, took the sub-contract and the amount he claims is due him should be obtained from the original contractors.

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